

**MINUTES  
PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

THE PARK BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12 NORTH ROWE STREET, PRYOR, OKLAHOMA AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE AND TIME.

**BOARD MEMBERS: \*\* BILL KANNEGIESSER, MELINDA MARKS, PAT RICHARD, WAYNE JONES, LORI SIEVER, CHRIS GRAVES, KEITH SHELBY.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Bill Kannegiesser called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Bill Kannegiesser, Melinda Marks, Pat Richard, Lori Siever, Chris Graves, Keith Shelby. Members absent: Wayne Jones.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Golf Director Dennis Bowman, Donna Bowman, Terry Aylward, Jeanette Anderson, Susan Byrd, Pat Lane, Leslee Elzo, Jack and Karen Dryden.

**2. MAYOR LEES TO ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO BILL KANNEGIESSER AND LORI SIEVER UPON THEIR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE PARK BOARD, TERMS ENDING 7/31/23.**

No action. Mayor Lees administered Oaths of Office to Bill Kannegiesser and Lori Siever upon their reappointment to the Park Board, terms ending 7/31/23.

**3. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

Jack Dryden spoke regarding bringing cups onto the Golf Course. He provided petitions signed by other golfers who want the ban on Yeti-type cups lifted. He wants the Board to make a formal decision.

**4. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2020 REGULAR MEETING.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to approve the minutes of the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 regular meeting. All voted yes.

**5. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:**

**a. Parks**

Powell reported that the department is down two men out of five. They have had a great deal of work to do to clean up storm damage. There were several trees down at the park and cemetery. The department is also losing its summer help. They are doing all they can to keep up with mowing and other jobs.

**b. Cemetery**

Powell reported that they have done a great deal of work on the flooding issue at the cemetery and it has made a tremendous difference.

Graves asked if it were possible to use volunteers or if that would be a liability issue. Mayor confirmed it would be a liability issue and the decision would be made in each department.

#### **6. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN**

Bowman reported that they lost 12 big trees in the storm. They are still working to get them all cleaned up.

Bowman reported that the golf course finished the fiscal year in the black, and July is going very well. It is likely they will finish the month \$7,000.00 – \$9,000.00 over last July.

Bowman spoke regarding his excellent staff of people. One of his employees received a \$100 tip last week!

The Lion's Club Night Tournament went very well, raising over \$8,000.00.

Bowman stated Wayne Jones has decided to step down from the Board and he will be greatly missed. He appreciates all his help and support over the years.

Bowman handed out some information regarding capital improvements. One list showed what projects have already been done. Of those items, FEMA will reimburse 75% of the irrigation controls, pump station and #8 Green. Shelby suggested that Bowman re-prioritize the most critical items so they can see what they need next.

Bowman stated that alcohol being brought onto the course is an ongoing issue that they fight all the time. It is unclear that there is a good fix for this issue that would be a win-win for everyone. His biggest concern is always safety, and this is a huge liability issue. Bowman was told by several people that the petitions that Mr. Dryden presented to the Board were started by Pat Richard.

Siever presented a picture of a water dispenser that could be placed in different locations around the course for people to refill their water bottles.

Graves suggested this be placed on an agenda in the future for better discussion, since it is such a touchy subject. Kannegiesser stated that the Board cannot make the decision, since neither the City's name nor the Board's name is on the liquor license. If something happens and the license gets revoked, it falls on the Bowmans. Donna Bowman asked that the City Attorney give a written opinion on the issue.

Siever left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

#### **7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INCREASING GOLF COURSE FEES FOR REGULAR PLAY AT A RATE OF \$2.00, MAKING THE WEEKDAY RATE \$24.50 AND THE WEEKEND RATE \$25.50.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to increase Golf Course fees for regular play at a rate of \$2.00, making the weekday rate \$24.50 and the weekend rate \$25.50. All voted yes.

**8. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING OBTAINING AN RFQ FROM OUR LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO FUND 50 NEW GOLF CARTS. THE ANTICIPATED TERM IS 4 YEARS AND IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT UP TO \$135,000.00.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to recommend Council action regarding obtaining an RFQ from our local lending institutions to fund 50 new golf carts. The anticipated term is 4 years and in the estimated amount up to \$135,000.00.

Golf cart rentals are a large money-maker for the course. \$135,000.00 is the estimated amount after the trade-in of 50 carts. The current carts are on their seventh summer. The new carts are better and will have a longer life of closer to eight-to-ten years.

All voted yes.

**9. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING DEMOLITION OF THE HOUSE AT THE GOLF COURSE AND REPLACING WITH A MOBILE HOME.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to recommend Council action regarding demolition of the house at the Golf Course and replacing with a mobile home. Bowman reported that the roof is in critical shape and there is, most likely, mold in the house from the leakage. When asked what the cost of this project would be, it was stated that is to be determined.

All voted yes.

**10. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING HIRING AN ASSISTANT GOLF SUPERINTENDENT AT A RATE OF \$16.77 PER HOUR.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to recommend Council action regarding hiring an Assistant Golf Superintendent at a rate of \$16.77 per hour. Bowman explained that years ago there were three city employees at the golf course and he is the only one currently. He would be converting some of the temporary positions to city positions. This would not be in addition to his temporary employees.

All voted yes.

**11. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING HIRING A GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT MANAGER AT A RATE OF \$15.50 PER HOUR.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to recommend Council action regarding hiring a Golf Course Equipment Manager at a rate of \$15.50 per hour. All voted yes.

**12. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. FEMA Claims**

FEMA money will be coming in the approximate amount of \$106,000.00.

**b. Others**

None at this time.

**13. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.** (Any matter not reasonably foreseen prior to posting the agenda.)

Graves asked a “big-picture” question regarding the items they discussed for the Golf Course. He wanted to know if they are all being presented for the 2020-2021 budget. Bowman and Mayor confirmed that they will all be sent to the Budget Committee.

**14. ADJOURN.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All voted yes.